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25.	Narayana Industries Bangalore	Submersible Pumps	Karnataka
26.	Thapar Concast Ltd., Ludhiana	M S Tubes	Punjab
27.	Atul engineering Enterprises Ludhiana	M S Tubes	Punjab
28.	Himalaya Industries, Agra	SCI Soil Pipes and Fittings	U. P.
29.	Himalaya Cement, Shikohabad	Cement	U. P.
30.	Vishal Pipe Udyog Ltd., Sikandrabad	M S Tubes	U. P.
31.	Agarwal Tubes Pvt Ltd., Muzaffarnagar	M S Tubes	U. P.
32.	Singhal Pesticides Industries, Muzaffarnagar	Endosulfan 35% EC	U. P.
33.	Shivalik Tubes Pvt Ltd., Muzaffarnagar	M S Tubes	U. P.
34.	Deluxe Cement Mills P Ltd., Meerut	Cement	U. P.
35.	B M Cement P Ltd. Meerut	Cement	U. P.
36.	S D Cements P Ltd, Meerut	Cement	U. P.
37.	Shree Cement Indus, Shikohabad	Cement	U. P.
38.	M R Lamps, Meerut	GLS Lamps	U. P.
39.	Gulab Cements P Ltd., Meerut	Cement	U. P.
40.	R.C. Rubber Product, Calcutta	Rubber, Canvas Boots, Miners	W. B.
41.	Yonex (Electro) Pvt. Ltd., Calcutta	Wate Filter Candles.	W. B.

Identification of the poor under PDS

4472. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state;

(a) whether there is a scheme for providing wheat, rice and other consumer goods at half of their prices under Public Distribution System to specifically identified poor people;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of beneficiaries identified under the scheme and the targets, if any, fixed for the current year and the progress made therein, so far?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir. Under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) foodgrains will be issued at specially subsidised prices which are about half the Central Issue Prices to the Below Poverty Line households at the rate of 10 kgs. per month per household. Other commodities such as kerosene, edible oil and sugar will be provided at the usual subsidised prices to all the ration card holders.

(b) and (c) The detailed guidelines for implementation of the Targeted PDS have been issued to all the States/Uts. Under the guidelines, it is proposed to adopt the provisional estimates arrived at by the Planning Commission for the year 1993-94 adopting the methodology of

"Expert Group on estimation of proportion and number of poor" under the Chairmanship of Late Prof. Lakdawala to work out the population Below Poverty Line. According to these estimates the BPL population works out to 32.03 crores, i.e., 35.97 per cent of the total population of the country which will be covered under the Targeted PDS. A Statement on TPDS was made in the Rajya Sabha and the guidelines laid on the Table of the House on 24.2.1997.

The State Governments/UT Administrations have been asked to complete all necessary arrangements as per the guidelines for implementation of the Targeted PDS. The States of Tripura and Haryana have implemented Targeted PDS w.e.f. 1.5.1997. Most States/UTs have made substantial progress in making the necessary arrangements and have indicated their readiness to implement the Targeted PDS w.e.f. 1.6.1997 except Punjab, Delhi and Meghalaya.

Extension of Essential commodities Act beyond August, 1997

4473. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether ASSOCHAM has urged upon Government not to extend the Essential Commodities Act beyond August this year, when its present term is likely to expire;

(b) if so, the grounds adduced by ASSOCHAM in support of their demand; and

(c) Government's decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) No representation has been received from ASSOCHAM in this regard.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Quota of edible Oil for Andhra Pradesh

4474. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government have been getting the required quota of edible oil from Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof, specifically with reference to Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether it is a fact that the quota asked for by the Andhra Pradesh Government was not sanctioned;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government propose to